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"Are ya'll even reading this thing?"

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Ray Charles donates another \$1 million, surprises crowd

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Legendary entertainer Ray Charles astonished guests during Morehouse College's opening convocation Crown Forum by presenting a check for \$1 million to President Massey. Administrators said the money will help fund a proposed performing arts center that will bear Charles' name.

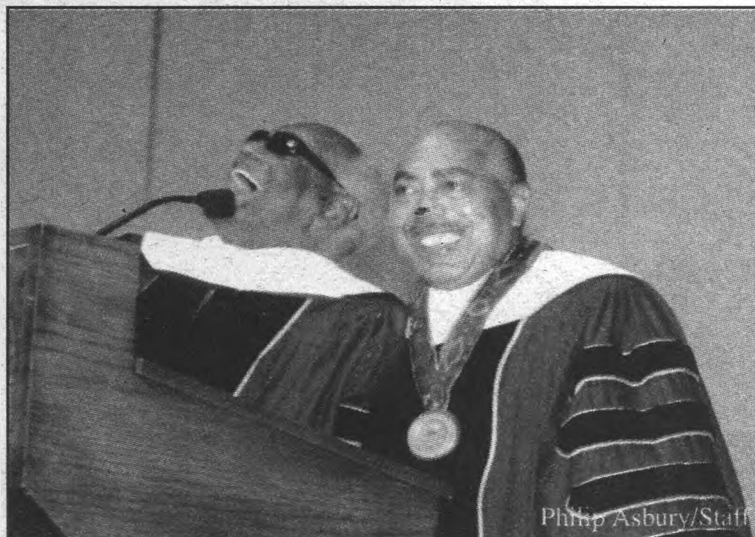
A humble Ray Charles, who received an honorary doctorate degree, allowed his longtime manager Joe Adams, also a Morehouse supporter, to present the check on his behalf.

A packed house was on hand for the opening convocation, which marks the official start to the academic school

year. Many distinguished guests, including former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson, President Emeritus Hugh M. Gloster, members of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, faculty, and students were on hand to witness President Massey present Charles with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from the college.

Charles was overwhelmed by the resounding applause and standing ovation he received. Charles, a man of few words, made light of the situation with his unique brand of down-home humor.

Charles said, "I was born with music inside me. That's the only explanation I know of. Music was one of my parts... Like my blood. It was a force already with me when I ar-



Ray Charles and Dr. Massey smile after Charles' generous donation.

rived on the scene. It was a necessity for me - like food or water. Music is nothing separate from me. It is me... You'd have to remove the music sur-

gically."

This is not the first time that Charles has given gener-

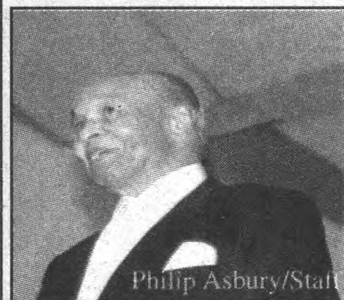
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Profile of Excellence:

Mr. Joe Adams

Joe Adams, the long-time personal manager and friend of Ray Charles is a star in his own right.

Adams, a former actor,



Philip Asbury/Staff

A king among kings.

won a Golden Globe for his portrayal of Husky Miller in "Carmen Jones" starring Dorothy Dandridge.

Adams was paid \$1,350 for his work in the 1954 film, a sizeable salary at the time.

A former disc jockey,
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CAMPUS NEWS FEATURE:

In case of EMERGENCY is Morehouse prepared?

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On September 11, two airplanes crashed into the World Trade Center towers only a few blocks away from Stuyvesant High School. Instantly, their previously practiced safety drills were put into effect.

Designated emergency leaders directed hundreds of

students to calmly remain in their homerooms, some on the tenth floor. However, the streets around them were soon filled with panicking people, fleeing the scene of the tragedy. Smoke, dust and debris gathered fast, and the students were finally given permission to evacuate the building. Frustrated parents complained that no guidance or instructions were given as students filed out onto the crowded streets, causing many hours of worry

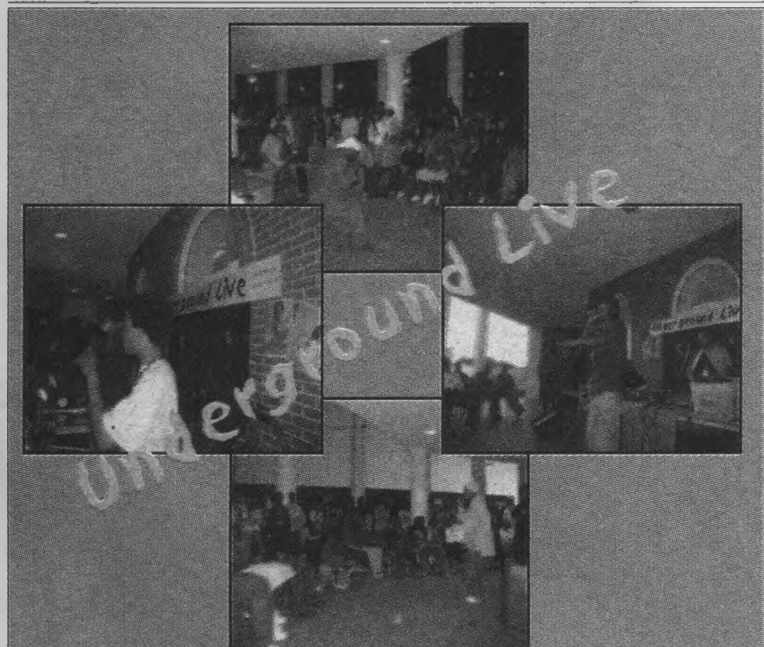
and wonder in the wake of a disaster.

Sadly, Stuyvesant's system failed its staff, students and their families.

In Atlanta, the question must be asked: is the AUC, and Morehouse in particular, prepared to deal with the consequences of the nation's war on terrorism?

On September 12, major television broadcasting networks announced that Atlanta

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Last Tuesday, *The Maroon Tiger* resurrected a Morehouse tradition under the guidance of A&E Editor Dorian Burton (left). James Ford, aka Ammadeus (right), and others lit up the mic, setting the stage for what would become the premiere spoken word event of the season.

Photos: Geoffrey Bennett/Staff

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MOREHOUSE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

Morehouse finished third in the Southern Comfort Swing Tournament held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee last week. Morehouse earned an overall score of 168; the first- and second-place teams. Seventeen colleges and universities participated in the tournament.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

The Graduate and Professional School Office presents a graduate school panel on Monday, October 8, 2001 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in room 212 of the Kilgore Center. Schools include Carnegie Mellon University, University of Maryland, St. Louis University, University of Toledo, University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and Northeastern University School of Law.

A Graduate School Fair will be held in the Clark-Atlanta University Student Center on October 9, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Teach for America will be on-campus from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on October 10, 2001. A representative will be available on campus.

Representatives from the St. Louis University Graduate School will be in the Kilgore Faculty Lounge from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on October 11, 2001.

Columbia University Graduate Schools of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Journalism, and the Teachers College of Columbia University will be in the Kilgore Faculty Lounge on October 11, 2001 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For more information about the events, call Ms. Ramsey at ext. 2862.

FLOWERS

Each time you order a flower from the Atlanta Flower Market, a donation will be made to the Hosea Williams Foundation "Feed The Hungry." So when you need to send flowers, do something else and help feed the hungry. It just makes good sense. Best of all, it doesn't cost extra. For more information call 770-396-1946 or visit www.florist-catalog.com.

THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

The Spelman College Department of Drama and Dance in conjunction with the Music Department presents its first musical production of the 2001-2002 season, *Ain't Misbehavin'*. The sassy, Tony Award-winning Broadway musical review combines comedy, dance, and song in a rousing, toe-tapping celebration of the genius of the legendary Fats Waller. The production opens Thursday, October 4 at 8 p.m. in the Baldwin Burroughs Theater located in the Rockefeller Fine Arts Building. General admission is \$8, and admission for students with proper ID is \$3. The performance runs from Thursday, October 4th to Saturday, October 6th at 8 p.m. A Sunday matinee is scheduled for October 7th at 3 p.m. Call 404-215-7805 to reserve tickets.

Five Men on a Stool present "Speak to My Heart": an evening of music and poetry, featuring Five Men on a Stool. Saturday, October 13, 2001 at 7:30 PM at Martin Luther King's Chapel at Morehouse College. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Breast Cancer Awareness. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance. For ticket information call (770) 498-0700.

POETRY

Elma Stuckey Poetry Award and Workshop! The Stuckey family has established an endowment in the deceased poet's honor at Morehouse, in order to bring well-deserved attention to this neglected poet. The inaugural Elma Stuckey Poetry Award and Workshop will occur on Monday, October 15, 2001. Honoree Jeffers, our visiting poet, will select winners for this award from submitted poetry. Mark your calendars to attend the awards ceremony and reception on Monday, October 15th from 7-9:00 p.m.

HONOR SOCIETY

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars at Morehouse College will have its 2nd Annual Induction Convocation at 7:00pm in Sale Hall Chapel on Wednesday, October 10th, 2001. New inductees are asked to wear dark suits and arrive by 6:15pm. Current members are asked to arrive at 5:45 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony in the Kilgore Snack Bar.

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING

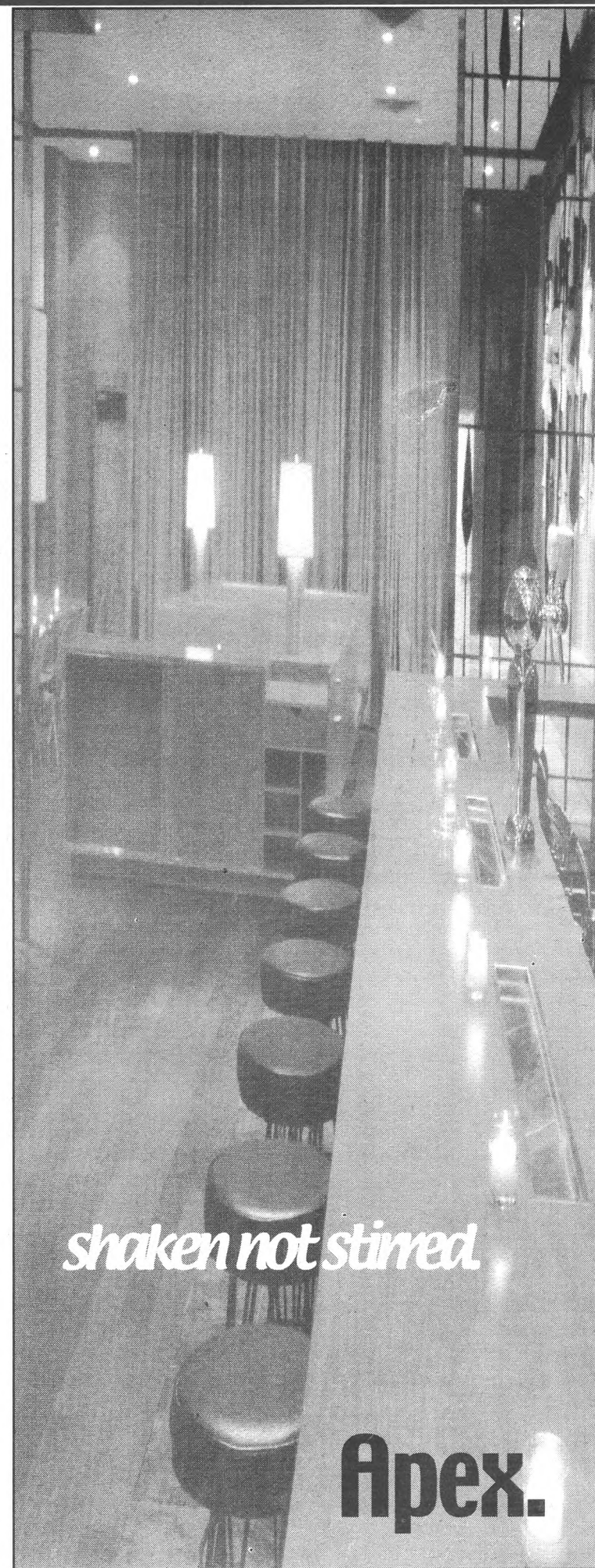
The government of Japan is accepting applications for the 2002 Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. The application deadline is December 5, 2001. Applicants may apply to teach English at middle or high schools in Japan as assistant language teachers, or to work at local government offices on international exchange activities. Applications are available at www.cgjapanatlanta.org or by calling the Consulate General of Japan at 404-892-2700.

SPIRITUALITY

The Absalom Jones Student Center & Chapel and the Episcopal (Anglican) Church at the A.U. Center invite you to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Every Sunday, the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. A fellowship meal follows the worship service. The center sponsors a Wednesday night program with dinner at 6:30 p.m. There is also space for organizational meetings, and a computer lab is available. The student center is located on Fair Street right next to the Davidson House. For more information, call Rev. Brian Jemmott at 404-521-1602.

CORRECTION

In the September 20th edition of *The Maroon Tiger*, "Freshmen pound pavement, secure votes" was inappropriately attributed. Demond Drummer was the contributing writer.



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Adams also appeared in *Amos 'n' Andy* and twenty-four other movies from the 40s to the 60s.

Most importantly, Adams is an ardent Morehouse supporter and the driving force behind the Morehouse College Emma & Joe Adams Public Service Institute.

Founded in 1994, the institute sponsors activities that uplift

and effect change in the surrounding community.

At 79, Joe Adams is the quintessential gentleman - the man we all should aspire to be. For his sincere commitment to serving his people, his skilled management of a musical icon, and for surmounting obstacles to make a way for others, *The Maroon Tiger* is proud to profile Mr. Joe Adams.

CAMPUS NEWS

Business department sets GPA criteria for majors

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The class of 2005 could be the last in which students have the opportunity to enter the College with a major already declared in business or economics. If proposed changes to the qualifying criteria for such majors go into effect as planned, many students may find themselves settling for a major in another academic department.

This May, the College faculty approved a measure aimed at curbing the rapid growth of Morehouse's Business department. When implemented, it would mean a cut-off point or limit to the number of students permitted to declare Business and Economics majors.

Any student wishing to join the Division of Business and Economics would need to be in good standing with the College and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

The Business and Economics department has risen

six percent in total student population in the past five years, jumping from 25.6 percent in 1996 to 32.2 percent today. Class sizes average about 35 students per class.

According to Dr. John Williams, Divisional Dean of Economics and Business Administration, the new criteria was voted on by the divisional faculty last fall as part of an effort to ensure a more efficient and manageable teacher-student ratio. The Committee on Curriculum & Educational Policy and the college-wide faculty subsequently approved the proposal.

The new policy will also serve a larger purpose beyond improved teacher-student ratio: it may help Morehouse retain its current standing and

classification as a liberal arts college.

The Carnegie Classifica-

lege in which fewer than 50 percent of the students are enrolled as liberal arts majors cannot be classified as a liberal arts institution.

Liberal arts majors include anything from English to biology to psychology, and generally any subject to which students are introduced as part of the core curriculum at Morehouse.

It does not include business or economics.

Students often wonder why Morehouse chooses to be recognized as a liberal arts college. One reason, as Dr. Williams mentioned, is to preserve the history and tradition upon

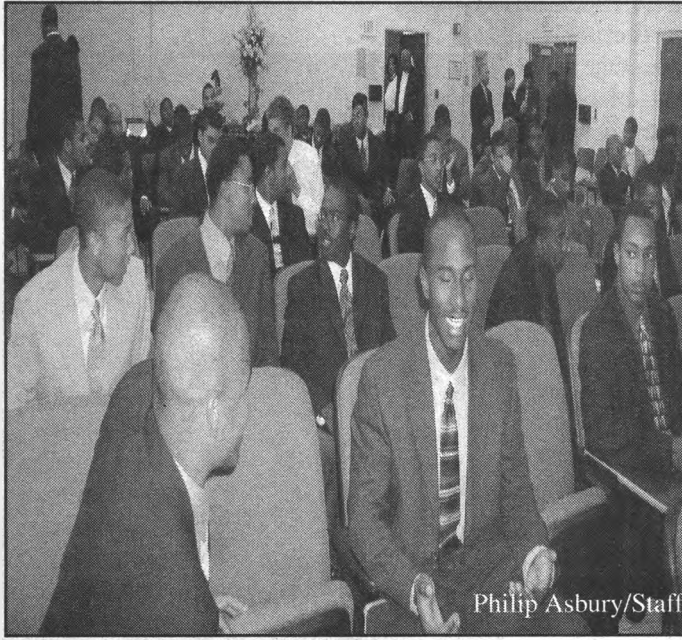
which the school was founded. However, the more important reason is that a change in the college's classification would also necessitate a change in its core curriculum.

"If Morehouse were classified as a business specialized school as opposed to a liberal arts college," Dr. Williams said, "we would have to change our core curriculum to include several business major courses in order for our business graduates to be recognized by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). We think that it is precisely the broad base of knowledge afforded by a liberal arts education that gives our students the edge over other Business graduates."

Dr. Williams said of the grade requirement that, "like any other division, we have students who aren't serious, and we don't want that margin of students to be responsible for changing the school's classification."

The Business and Eco-

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Crowded business classes may soon be a thing of the past.

tion of Institutes of Higher Education, the organization responsible for categorizing American colleges and universities based on curriculum, currently stipulates that any col-

Student Services website ready to launch, administrators say

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Morehouse's website will undergo some major changes in the near future, and the first will happen in the Student Services section.

Associate Dean of Student Services Johnny Nimes is overseeing the changes.

"We are hoping to launch around the 15th of October," said Nimes.

"The site will be housed on a separate server and it is being professionally designed by an outside company."

According to Nimes, all of the subsections of the Student Services web page are being completely redesigned and improved.

The sports and recreation section will include schedules for all of the

teams, statistics for teams and individual players, detailed information on coaches and players, and "just about anything you would like to know" said Nimes.

"We've got to begin to use the technology. Campus Pipeline will be used a lot more for Student Services as a way for professors to communicate with their classes and students with their professors."

- Dean Johnny Nimes

A "frequently asked questions" (FAQ) page will be added to the Campus Conduct page.

The Greek Life page will have links to local and national websites for each on-campus fraternity.

Student Health Services will have essential healthcare information, while the off-campus stu-

dent services page will have meal plan and MARTA information.

The web page will also include more pictures and other visual and functional improvements.

Changes will also affect the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

"The housing and residential life section will include pictures of all residence halls, as well as information about each hall and its theme,"

said Nimes.

"There will also be candid shots in the top left-hand corner of the site, some of which will show the insides of the dorms."

The redesigned Student Services site will include Archer Hall and Wellness Center informa-

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Stuckey grant provides new opportunities for aspiring poets

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Morehouse received an exclusive endowment from the family of Elma Stuckey to establish poetry workshops and contests for students in her name.

Stuckey was the granddaughter of former slaves, and grew up in Chicago. Her poetry was enjoyed by the likes of Malcolm X and professors at Harvard and Stanford. Her second and final book of poetry, *The Last Gate*, was published in 1987 and she passed away shortly after.

Her son, Sterling Stuckey, a professor in the University of California system, chose Morehouse for this project for unspecified reasons.

127 poems from 47 poets across campus were submitted to Gray Stewart of the English department, organizer of this event. However, because the Stuckey family could not attend last year, the entire event was postponed

until this semester.

Professional poet Honoree Jeffers will be facilitating the poetry workshops, as well as judging the already selected poetry from last semester at the awards ceremony.

The grand prize is \$200, second prize is \$100, and third prize is \$50.

"It is a boon for the department to be able to establish poetry workshops", said Stewart, who has great plans for this award and workshop.

There is only room for 15 students who are interested in attending the workshop. It will be held on October 15 from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Davidson House, followed by the reading and awards ceremony held at Sale Hall Chapel at 7:00 p.m., and a reception starting at 8:15 in Sadie Mays lounge.

The deadline for the poetry being judged has passed for this semester, but by next fall, this will be an established event with room for more openings.

Says Stewart, "For poets, this is a real place to shine."

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Morehouse contingency plan effective and ready for action, officials say

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had been a possible target for terrorists, but the report was later recanted. It is not paranoid to assume, however, that Atlanta, the city many describe as "the capital of the South," must be prepared for the possibility of an emergency.

"Prevention before cure," is the philosophy adopted by Morehouse Vice President for Campus Operations, Andre Bertrand.

"Security has been beefed up. We've improved security at access points to the campus," said Bertrand.

"Only vehicles with approved parking permits, or authorized service vehicles, are being allowed onto the Morehouse Campus. And, whereas before there may or may not have been armed guards at the access points, we have armed guards at all the booths now."

Students may soon find that Big Brother is looking over their shoulders. Bertrand said that the administration will install surveillance cameras and equipment in the near future. The idea has been

in negotiation for some time but it was expedited, not prompted, by the events of September 11.

Bertrand also said that representatives from the AUC schools have come together and formed an AUC Crisis Management Task Force. It is the hope of the administrations that a collaborative effort will prove most productive in trying to deal with the situation at hand.

The College has had emergency plans in place for years now.

Bertrand said, "Morehouse has certain building captains who will take the lead if there is an emergency in any building, small or large scale. The captains are members of faculty and staff, and the list of captains is currently being revised and updated."

Bertrand is the building captain for Gloster Hall.

"Should something happen, I first notify all the offices by foot. The fire alarms must be set off immediately because it's the easiest way to evacuate the building. We make sure the alarms are regularly tested, and they are inspected annually by the fire ser-

vices."

During an evacuation, the captain must see that all evacuees are able to leave the buildings as

Operation/Residential Living Fire Emergency Plan, and the Morehouse College Institutional Emergency Procedures.

from a one-page section on procedures for bomb threats.

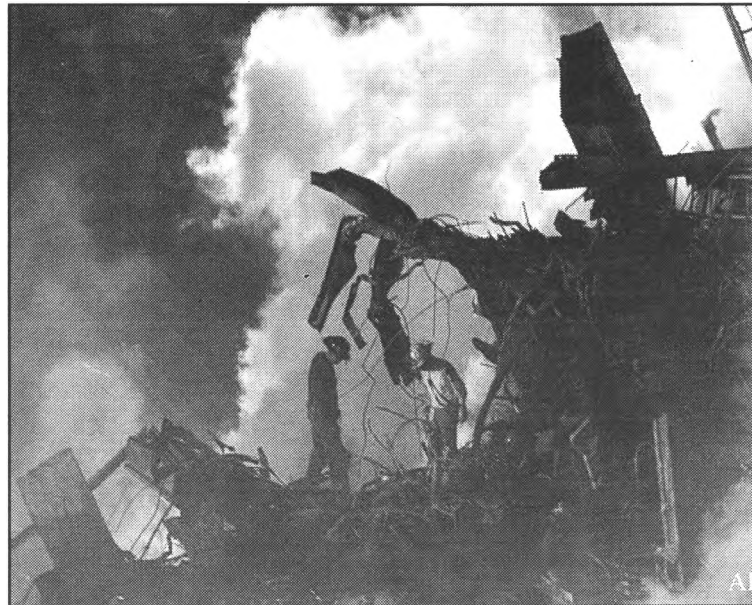
"Clearly there is more that we need to do. But we don't want to go into panic mode."

The College's food service providers, after September 11, were asked to be stocked to maximum capacity at all times, as well as have a significant amount of dry goods and non-perishable items. Supplies and equipment at the infirmary have been increased as well. Members of the AUC Crisis Task Force are currently talking with federal and state emergency management authorities.

Students and faculty members have their own opinions on the present state of affairs at the college. Soki Yamashita is an undeclared freshman and resident of Perdue Hall.

"I've never heard anything about it, what to do in case of emergency. Just what they say on the news. I really don't think we're prepared. In NSO, there was just one fire drill and no more since that. Most of the students were not even here then."

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In the event of a tragedy, would Morehouse be prepared?

efficiently as possible. They are then lead to rally points by assigned personnel.

Two documents explain the emergency procedures in great detail. There is a Morehouse College Emergency Evacuation and

Both documents are available in Gloster Hall room 209. Bertrand noted that the latter—which details campus murder and natural disaster procedures, among other things—does not take terrorism into account, apart

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ously to the College. Last March at the annual Candle in the Dark Gala, he received the College's prestigious Candle Award for Lifetime Achievement in Arts and Entertainment.

Just as he did at Crown Forum, Joe Adams surprised everyone at the Gala by presenting a \$1 million dollar check on Charles' behalf to President Massey.

"Thanks to the support received from the corporate community, our friends, trustees and alumni, we will be able to add significantly to our endowed scholarship fund. Ray Charles' \$1 million gift was such a pleasant surprise," said Massey.

According to Music Department Chair Dr. Uzee Brown, Charles also donated the upright pianos in the music department practice rooms.

"I think it is amazing that Ray Charles has the financial ability to donate in the way that he does. It is a testament to his talent, his intelligence, and his sincerity," said freshman Bakari Sellers. "He is so talented that musical fads don't leave him behind, they just form around him. Plus, he owns all of his music, which is very smart."

Ray Charles has an established history of spontaneous do-

nations to institutions of higher education. Albany State University received a major contribution from the Robinson Foundation founded by Ray Charles last June. □

According to Albany State University President Portia H. Shields, Ray Charles' personal manager Joe Adams presented a check totaling \$1 million to the university during a visit.

"After touring the campus and visiting with our Fine Arts Department faculty, members of the ASU Concert Chorale and three presidential scholars, Mr. Adams gave me a check for a million dollars. I was thrilled," Shields said. □

The funds, donated in honor of Charles' mother, Aretha Robinson, will support the university's efforts to educate young people, according to Shields. She said the money was the first installment of a \$2 million pledge made by Charles after a recent meeting in Atlanta. The next installment is due near the end of the year.

Ray Charles has dedicated his life to his music. He is a twelve-time Grammy award winner. His musical portfolio includes such chart toppers as "I Got A Woman," "A Song for You," and "Georgia on My Mind," which, in 1979 became the official song of the state of Georgia.

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Yamashita, originally from Japan, raised a broader concern. "We have 200 International students here. If the thing in New York happened in Atlanta, what they going to do? Where they going to go?"

Another freshman, who wished to remain anonymous, offered his sentiments.

"I doubt that we can handle a real disaster. There was a bomb threat called into the SGA Office yesterday, and a student had to evacuate the building because campus police clearly had no idea of how to handle the situation. They let students and staff stand directly in front of a building that was suspected to explode!" he said.

Atiba Muse is an International Studies major who lives off-campus. He believes that Morehouse can respond to any challenge or emergency.

"We go to a school of men. Men should have some idea of how to compose themselves in a crisis. I don't think we can be totally ready for everything, but still."

He suggested that an electronic notice board in a central

location, like Chivers Lane Dining Hall, could help by keeping students abreast of breaking news and could be used as a tool of communication by the college administration.

The teachers had their praises, criticisms, and doubts as well. Maya Mukherjee, instructor in the Mathematics department, outlined how information has been disseminated to teachers.

"We had special meetings on how to cope with the situation, and how to help students cope [after the September 11 disaster]. But we did not discuss anything about emergency procedures. I have no information; information may have been passed on, but I got none.

Mukherjee also said, "I think things should be done. We should be prepared for any situation immediately. There are a lot of terrorists out there... No one expected what happened in New York, not even the government. But it is important that we also move on with everyday life."

Dr. Augustine Konneh is the chair of the History department. His view of the College's response to the war on terrorism

is also mixed.

"What we have done so far is first to increase the security mechanisms... a lot of checking going on. There's more visitation of buildings during the day to see if there are any suspicious persons.

"For small-scale emergencies," Konneh said, "we've been extensively briefed. We're asked to be calm in case of any instability, and handle things efficiently. On a larger-scale, we don't know exactly what's going on. We'll probably be briefed as things unfold. But there needs to be more concentration on larger-scale emergencies, and we have to look into being proactive in case something happens."

Morehouse and the other AUC schools have some mechanisms in place to deal with emergencies on the campuses or in the city. But most agree that more has to be done, and that effective communication and dissemination of information hold the key to preparedness.

Vice President Bertrand advised: "Seek out information. It is incumbent on individuals, first and foremost, to take responsibility for their own safety.

And they must make fellow students as aware as they are. Know where fire and police offices are, and their numbers. Know fire plans for buildings. React quickly to fire drills. And, perhaps most importantly, see if there is a role you can play, some way in which you can help in the event of an emergency."

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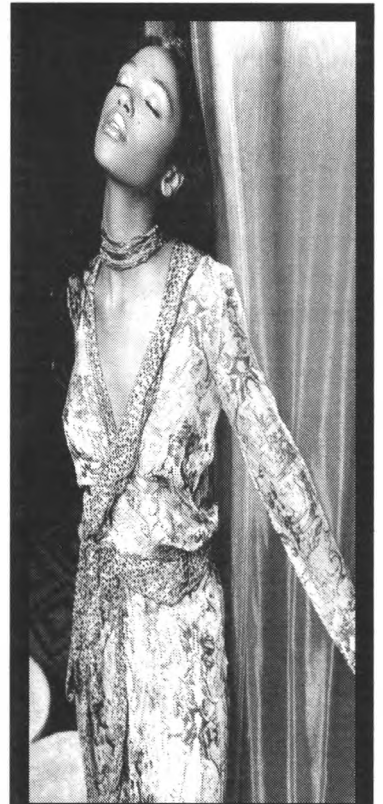
tion.

There will also be administrative forms and requisitions available for printing.

Students no longer need to walk to Archer Hall to pick up the necessary paper work.

The new web page will also have a link the Campus Pipeline.

Nimes said, "We've got to begin to use the technology. Campus Pipeline will be used a lot more for Student Services as a way for professors to communicate with their classes and students with their professors."



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nomics division is not the only one that does not qualify as liberal arts. Participants in the school's dual-degree Engineering program, as well as in the field of Computer Science, are also considered non-liberal arts majors.

The Division of Science and Mathematics as a whole currently enrolls 41 percent of the student population, down from 45.2 percent in 1996. This division, however, will remain unaffected by the new changes to be implemented in the Business and Economics Division.

Dr. Williams could suggest no answer as to why.

Incidentally, the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences currently enrolls 20.4 percent of the student population, slightly up from its 19.9 percent in 1996.

Students who do not meet the mark to major in business or economics have several options. According to Dr. Willis Sheftall, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, those students are free to "select from among the other 25 majors offered by the College."

Not many students are likely to be pleased with such

options, however. Sekh Samuel, a freshman from Trinidad and Tobago who has yet to declare his major, called the proposed plan "ridiculous."

"Most people choose to major in Business to open up more career opportunities afterwards," he said. "Non-business majors are at a disadvantage. The bottom-line these days is all about money."

This, however, is just a popular misconception, according to long-time Business professor, Dr. Keith Hollingsworth.

"I don't know of any company that would not hire somebody simply because he or she did not major in business or economics," he said. "I actually encourage some of my students to major in things other than business, to do something they enjoy, because it doesn't necessarily make a significant difference in the long run."

Another student, Kenton Pinder, a junior Marketing major from the Bahamas, noted that the stricter admissions policies might actually serve to deter prospective students from applying to Morehouse. He did not think that any of his major classes were too over-

crowded.

"I feel like I'm getting what I need out of my classes right now," he said. "I think [the proposed policy] sucks. I think we'd lose more than we'd gain."

Geoffrey Hill, however, a sophomore accounting major from North Carolina, was more supportive of the new plans.

"Bigger classes make it easier for people to slip through the cracks and slack off," he said.

"I agree with the principle, though I don't know whether the GPA cut-off point is the best way to go about doing it. I think once they don't start to downsize the faculty too, it will be better for the College overall."

For better or worse, these proposed changes will certainly have a major impact on the Business and Economics division, its prospective majors, and the College as a whole.

For now, students wishing to declare a major in either business or economics would be best advised not to wait too late. Unless, of course, they have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Thinking About Law School?

Meet with the admission deans from these law schools to learn more about legal education and the admission process.

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Duke University School of Law
University of Southern California Law School

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WORLD & LOCAL NEWS

Supreme Court term set to begin

Court reconvenes in aftermath of election controversy

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This year's Supreme Court term begins on October 1, 2001 and promises to set groundbreaking legal precedents in areas ranging from the separation of church and state to the constitutionality of the death penalty.

The five conservative-leaning justices constitute a one-person majority on the court, which should guarantee lively debates.

The court ruled on a number of high profile cases last year.

The court maintained that "medical necessity" arguments did not constitute adequate legal justification for the use of medical marijuana.

It unanimously upheld the Clean Air Act in spite of pressure from the American Trucking Association and other powerful industrial groups.

The justices prohibited student-led prayers at graduation ceremonies paralleling their 1992 ruling against clergy-led prayers.

However, the Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling to stop all recounts in the hotly-disputed 2000 presidential election stands out as the most significant decision of the term and arguably the most politically charged vote in the court's history. Legal scholars continue to debate the legitimacy of the court's stance.

Michael Gerhardt, a law professor at The College of William and Mary, said, "This decision really challenges the perception that the court is above partisan politics."

Justice Clarence Thomas, who voted with the majority, responded to criticism of this sort by saying that during his term on the court, "I have yet to hear the first political conversation."

The crop of cases on the 2001 Supreme Court Docket promises to evoke passionate responses from

financing of religious education closely enough to make it unconstitutional.

The Bush Administration has made no secret of its support for school vouchers. Solicitor General Theodore B. Olsen filed a brief with the Supreme Court arguing that vouchers do not conflict with constitutional ideals because the funding of sectarian schools comes "as a result of the independent and private choice of parents" as opposed to direct governmental involvement.

Atkins v. Virginia will force the court to finally decide if executing mentally retarded individuals violates the ban

on cruel and unusual punishment that is found in the Eighth Amendment.

Mr. Atkins' IQ of 59 put him at the low end of the range for the mildly retarded population at the time of his 1996 conviction for murder, car jacking, and robbery.

Other cases on the docket include United States Department of Housing and Urban Development v. Rucker, a case dealing with mandatory eviction from public housing for drug-related criminal activity, and Chickasaw Nation v. United States, a matter involving the proper taxation of gambling earnings.

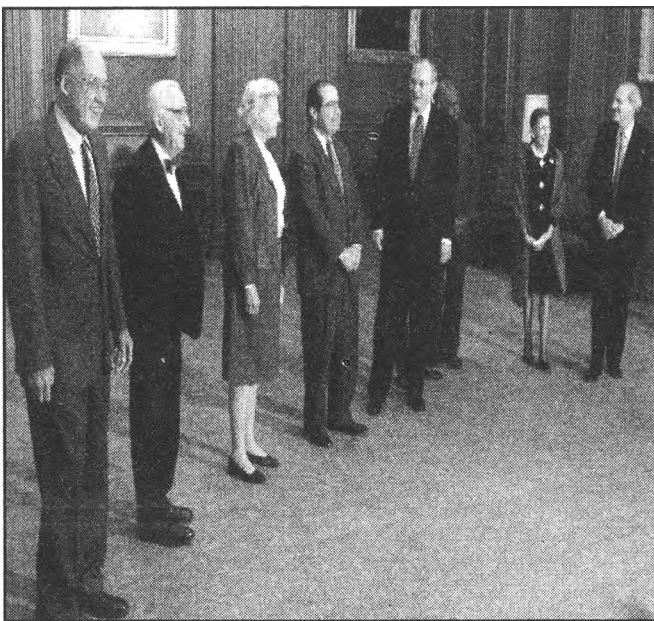
the legal community. The justices hear relatively few of the hundreds of cases that are appealed to the Supreme Court on a yearly basis. These cases are typically selected because of their far-reaching and significant legal applications.

Zelman v. Simmons-Harris and Atkins v. Virginia both involve important constitutional issues and will be amongst the most closely watched cases of the new term.

The first of these cases involves a program in Cleveland, Ohio that provides vouchers to parents who want to send their children to private schools.

Almost all of the people who take advantage of this program opt for religious schools.

The issue that must be decided is whether providing vouchers that are financed with public funds approximates state



Supreme Court justices gather for press photo.

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WORLD & LOCAL NEWS

Morehouse NAACP hosts Atlanta mayoral candidates

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The Morehouse College NAACP hosted a political debate among the candidates running for the offices of mayor and city council president. Candidates were given the opportunity to express their vision and goals for the city of Atlanta.

The mayoral candidates invited to the debates were Gloria-Bromell-Tinubu, Robb Pitts, and Shirley Franklin.

Bromell-Tinubu is currently an associate professor of economics at Spelman College. Serving on the Spelman faculty for sixteen years, Dr. Tinubu is also the mother of four, with three as students in the Atlanta University Center.

Tinubu graduated from Howard University and entered politics upon observing a critical need for a candidate to represent the common people.

"Through it all," said Tinubu, "my children have been there for me and supported me." She sees the office as "an opportunity to chart a new course for the city of Atlanta."

Robb Pitts has served twenty-four years as an elected official for the city of Atlanta. Pitts is a native Georgian, a graduate of Ohio State University and has done graduate study at Kent State and Emory.

Pitts believes he is the most qualified candidate as he is a veteran of seven elections. "My experience and leadership," says Pitts, "is especially needed in times like these."

Shirley Franklin did not attend the debate, but her campaign manager, State Representative Kasim Reed, represented her. Franklin has the distinction of being the first woman in

Atlanta's history to serve as city manager, and currently sits on the board of trustees at Spelman College.

She worked for former mayors Andrew Young and Maynard Jackson, and through participation in the planning of the Centennial Olympic Games, Franklin has been involved in efforts to make Atlanta an interna-

lty at Emory and is currently the executive director of the Atlanta Track Club.

In her eighteen year tenure, Dr. Emmons has been chiefly responsible for the planning and coordination of the Fourth of July Marathon.

According to Emmons, there exists very little cooperation between the mayor's office and the city council.

As president of the city council, Emmons hopes to bridge this divide.

"The twenty-first century," said Emmons, "will be great only if we are brought together and pointed in the right direction."

Michael Bond is serving his second term on the Atlanta City Council and was, at one time in his academic career, a

Morehouse student. Bond prides himself on having passed more legislation than any other councilperson, living or dead.

His legislation includes measures that have enabled the city to adopt more responsible fiscal policies. Bond has also worked to make the city safer through proposals for street repairs and road closures. "I'm running for the city," said Bond.

The debates largely focused on issues pertinent to the AUC, such as the condition of aging roads and sidewalks, public safety, and inner-city education.

All candidates recognized the need to strengthen the Atlanta Police Department, a force presently suffering a shortage of some four hundred officers.

"I think it's impressive that the candidates are actually here talking with the students and interacting with us," said Morehouse freshman James Pendleton.



Mayoral candidates Gloria Tinubu (center) and Rob Pitts (right).

tional city. "Atlanta," said Reed, "is going to be a place where there is opportunity, a place where you can dream and fulfill those dreams."

"Able" Mable Thomas, Julia Emmons, and Michael Bond also participated in the debates.

"Able" Mable Thomas is a member of the NAACP and currently serves on the city council. Thomas holds the honor of being the youngest elected state representative and graduated from Georgia State University.

Thomas defeated a twenty-year incumbent in her historic victory with AUC students placing the deciding votes.

Councilwoman Thomas has recognized a problem of governance. "In Atlanta," says Thomas, "we have a leadership void and a management crisis." Thomas hopes to resolve this critical issue as president of the city council.

Julia Emmons served fifteen years with the fac-

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Like father like son: a *Tiger* tribute to Black fathers

The Maroon Tiger examines just how far three apples fell from the tree.

"Train a child up in the way he should go, and when he is old he shall not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

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"Saturday mornings he would cook breakfast, he always cooked breakfast and he liked that I liked it. Then the batting cages. I was really into baseball at the time, and he was hard on me. Even after we would spend the whole morning hitting, we would come back to the yard and play catch for what seemed like hours. Then...he'd cook again! That made it all worth it."

Harlem, New York, the birthplace of Joshua Raiford, a junior marketing major here at the House that White built. Josh's decision to come to Morehouse was supported wholeheartedly by his father, and just like the others profiled in this piece, that meant the world to him.

As a student walking the landscape of this intimate campus, one can do nothing to ignore the diversity of a body of people that would, more often than not, fall into the same category: African-American male, under age 25.

As I am sure that we all appear to be mirror images of each other to an outsider, the realization of this diversity would raise a lot of questions.

Among those questions, what makes each of these black males different from the next? Where did this difference come from? Well, you middle class, carpooling, housewife...we all had different upbringings. The growth process is never the same and it is the difference that produces different buds that open into different flowers.

For a male, the relationship with his father, or lack thereof, plays a huge role in determining his outlook on life and respect for manhood. The respect for his manhood plays the integral role in determining how others respect him.

I sat down with three "up-standing matriculates" of the College, who openly examined their relationships with their dads. In doing so, we defined who they have become and expanded their appreciation for their fathers.

Josh explained that having

his father's approval is always the subconscious motivation behind most of the things he does.

"My father is proud of my determination to succeed. He gives me a lot of credit for handling my college career, but he also lets me know what he disapproves of. He's not too fond of the drinking!"

Growing up, Josh was very close to his father and that played a large role in fashioning who he is.

Josh explained, "He always taught me to finish everything I started, even when it came

down to dinner!" That has translated itself into the work ethic that he exhibits on a daily basis.

You may—no—you have seen Josh pushing any and everything from CDs and flyers to tee shirts and ballcaps along Chivers Lane. He will eagerly explain to you that he puts his all into everything he does, and if you work with, beside, or near him, you would be hard-pressed not to do the same.

He is known for "flipping on" people when they don't get a job done. "I get that from my father."

Recalling conversations at the breakfast table, Josh explained that recently his father lost his job. "We used to always talk about his job and my interests in the industry."

Josh's interest in the music industry and his father's job as a high level consultant both revolved around consulting and marketing. "He would ask me for advice, which always flattered me. So when he lost his job, I told him I loved him, even if he never works again, I still love him and I am still proud of him."

An activity as simple as grocery shopping or watching college games on a Saturday

morning was enough to satisfy young Joe Carlos' appetite for his father's attention. This attention came at a price that taught Joe to appreciate time spent with his family.

"My dad is an obstetrician-gynecologist and a deacon at the church, and with the spontaneity of life, I never knew when I was going to see him and that

was disappointing. But I soon realized that he didn't have a lot of time for us, because he was working hard to provide for us."

Joe Carlos this, Joe Carlos that." If you have come out of your room at all this or any

recent semester, you or someone near you has said the name of Joe Carlos. You have probably heard or uttered his name for more reasons other than his lofty positions and perpetual involvement in campus wide activity.

You have probably heard him say, "Hi...Joseph Carlos." Joe has a warm and genuinely amiable personality that promotes his ability to speak with both the debutantes and the destitute. However, this is a quality Joe can not take sole credit for. "(My father) is a very, very kind and warm person. He's an OBGYN, he works with women, he can't help but be warm!"

Joe maintains that he wanted for nothing growing up, "except for the better Reeboks. I had blue ones, all the cool kids had green ones." As Joe told the story of how Joseph Jordan Carlos, M.D., made him mow grass all summer long to earn the \$55 needed to buy the blue Reeboks, the admiration for his father showed on his face.

"I remember coming home from Howard with less than satisfactory grades and my dad stared at me for a whole hour without saying a word." Receiving the look of disappointment

proved to be more than uncomfortable for Joe and it became a motivator.

Now a graduating senior at the House, he is determined never to get that look again. Definitely not from his father.

"Calvin, you sound just like your father." "Already."

As the only namesake of Calvin Thomas McCallister, Sr., this young lad thought his dad was a superhero. Imagine that, your father a real life superhero. Imagination for some, but for Calvin Thomas McCallister, Jr., this was an everyday reality.

"I remember going to Dallas with my grandmother to visit family. This was when I was still living in Los Angeles. My father, who was still in L.A., said at the end of the week he would give me that Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle game that I wanted. I said to him, 'Daddy, how you finna do that? You know I'ma be in Dallas for 'nother two weeks.' Come to find out, Pops had a business trip to Dallas that I didn't know about. He was always traveling between L.A. and Dallas, and I just forgot about it.

elets most of the time, Calvin wistfully reviewed the breakfast menu. "Ham and cheese omelets, toast, grapes..."

It began with breakfast and cartoons, but as his interests matured, the two McCallister men gravitated more towards sports. Supportive, but indifferent, they grew to spend their Saturday mornings on soccer fields, football fields, and basketball courts.

"My daddy couldn't deny me if he wanted!" Aspitting image. Both in looks and conversation. Hearing the excitement in Calvin's tone when his "Daddy", as he still affectionately refers to him, calls is unmatched in any father-son relationship to which I have been privy.

One unfamiliar with this bond would think the person calling his cell phone at 1:30am on Friday was his high school teammate and not his 48-year-old father.

"Calvin, I am finna git these new Jordan's tomorrow, go on git you a pair!" Calvin's resonse, "Daddy, I want the J's, but—" Calvin, Sr. assures him, "But nothin' fool, the money's in your account already!" "Aight fool...yeah luv you too!"

"After I finish my residency, and all this stuff is done, right before I open up my own practice I'ma call my Daddy up. I'm going to call my homeboy, my father, and tell him, 'I did it baby, you said I would, and I did.'"

It is our relationships with our fathers and father

figures that determine the fathers we will become. It is these relationships that fashion the impetus for all we do. We want to appease our deacons, our coaches—our fathers. See, a long time ago Calvin told his father that he was Superman.

"I told him that he was my superhero, and everyday since then he tells me that I'm his. That makes me feel good."



As always, father knows best.

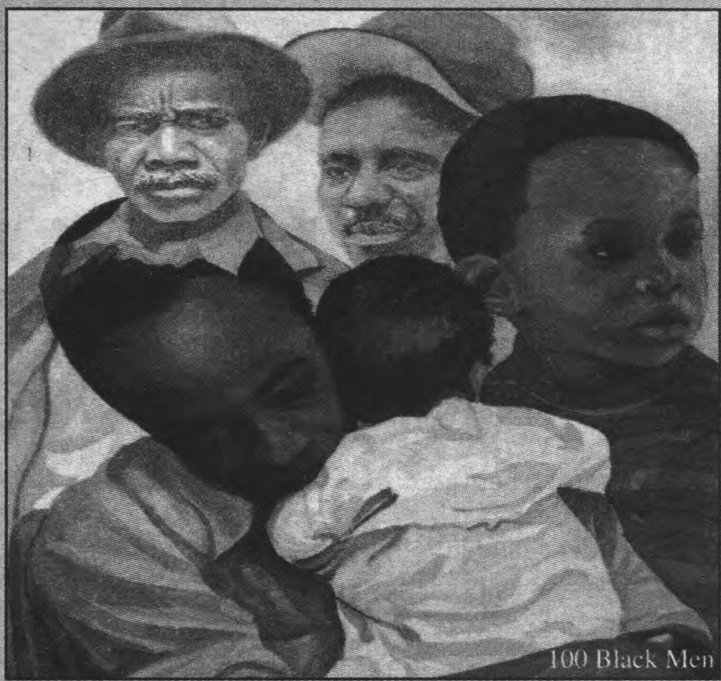


Nothing is better than Grandpop n' dem.

Well, just like he promised, he was in my face at the end of that same week, Turtles in hand. Seven years old, just a lil boy! I thought he was Superman, I just knew he was."

"Cooking and cartoons." Starting with a bowl of cereal, Calvin and his father would sit down to their weekly conversation over a Texas-style breakfast. Insisting that daddy made om-

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"TEACHING MANHOOD"

By Kisha Payton

Father: One that originates,
One that procreates,
One who has begotten a child,
A test tube male donating sperm in a vial.
The provider of guidance,
An influential supporter.
The provider of protection,
A powerful encourager.
One who has accepted the responsibility for the future of the black race.
Not one who passed the burden to his woman to raise a being to which she cannot relate.

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree,
But what if there's no tree from which to fall.
A woman can't teach a man to be a man,
And a son can't learn his manhood from his mom.

Raised to be a man,
Raised not knowing what a man is.
Raised to be distant,
Raised to not cry,
Raised to be disrespectful, "except towards my wife,"
He says.
Raised to rape our daughters,
Raised to be insecure,
Maturing into immaturity,
Raised with an unconscious fear
Of becoming like his father,
A naked figure on top his mother,
Ejaculating his responsibility into the womb of another.

A father-son relationship
Is more like a mother with her child,
Because a woman takes up the slack for the weaknesses a father can't hide.
And it is because of this woman's work
That some of our sons manage to succeed,
And so is created the talented tenth,
Men who know and accept their responsibility.

Inside Out

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with Miss Love

Chivers Lane Dining Hall is full of love.

Her real name is Doris Yvonne Denson, but we all know her as one of our favorite cafeteria ladies: she is Miss Love.

"I guess I got that name because I'd forget names—Miss Love forgetful—or not know them, and call everybody 'Love.' So they start calling me Love too. But it's more than that. I represent love. I like to show love a lot, though sometimes it be tough love..."

Last week, I spent a few minutes with Denson after the dinner crowd had had their fill, and left. But work doesn't stop for the cafeteria workers when the doors close at seven. If anything, the pace is a good deal more frenzied. I stood by the messy ice cream machine while Denson surveyed the aftermath of dinner.

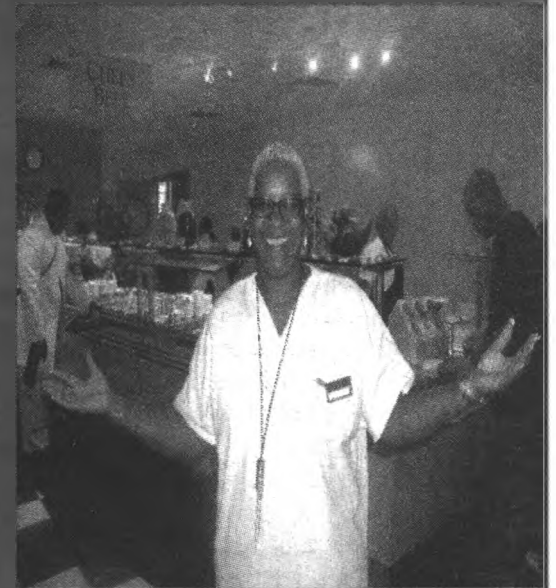
"Look at that, that just nasty. Sometimes they don't look to see they making a mess, sometimes they do it on purpose." Small hills

of melting ice cream are decked off on the grill of the machine.

"They messy, but I love 'em," she says, while sopping up the mess with some old towels. While the towels soaked up the milky mess, I coaxed the bustling cafeteria lady over to an empty table with the intent of soaking up some information.

She's

single, and lives on her own. Denson says that her five children—who range in age from 17 to 26—are all grown, and no longer live at home. The usually loud and cheerful woman grows quiet when she speaks of how much working at Morehouse



Miss Love has the whole world in her hands.

means to her.

"I get here about 9:30 in the morning and leave at 8:00 in the evening. It's not bad, it fine. It better than being lonely. I live in a house by myself. It's the best thing about this job, the peoples I

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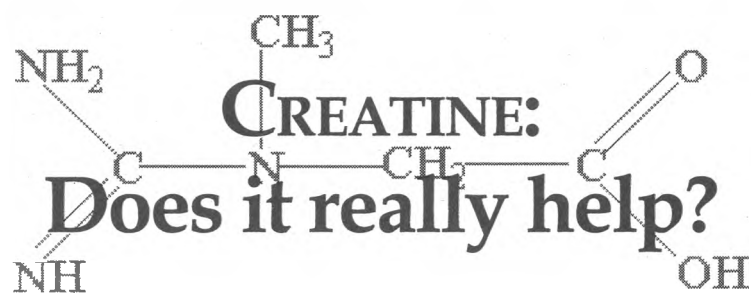
It's back against our better judgment.

20 QUESTIONS (+5)

By G.I.

1. Dude, where's my car? 2. Does this mean that the Morehouse police actually work for those bastards at A-Tow? 3. Why does it seem that campus police spends more time keeping off-campus students off the campus then they do the hoods who live around campus? 4. If she sosses my talad is she now a dyslexic freak? 5. Due to the activities after that game, shouldn't we say God bless the hoes from TSU and FAMU instead of America? 6. Damn Wilson, don't you realize the same guys you're running to death are the same cats that smoke squares on the bench outside the café? 7. Isn't \$250 just too much for the QP? 8. If neither my roommate nor I are home, why in the hell are you drinking my Hi-C fruit punch? 9. If Morehouse men were born with "tig-o-biddies," then maybe we could add Anderson's Visual Arts class? 10. I know grad school is on the horizon, but damn why aren't you home when I call you? 11. If he wants "inclusionary" to be a word, who are you to tell him it ain't? 12. And couldn't you just use context clues, like you do when niggas say "hateration" or "fo shizzle?" 13. Hey freshman, were you planning on wearing that white suit from senior prom to coronation? 14. How did Chief Boxworthy manage to get a gumby, a pump, a box, a taper, and shag all in the same haircut? 15. Why are the broke brothas always trying to floss? 16. What if this was your shout out and you didn't even know? 17. The fence has been up for a month...so when? 18. Audrey, where have all the stars gone ... to the alumnae association? 19. Damn, you fell for the dummy dap? 20. Now that Ms. Terry is gone, what are we going to do?!? 21. Ain't it good to have Mahogany back in Motion? 22. Have you gotten your Wizards tickets yet? 23. I mean, if he comes back, and the fade-away has faded too far away, does that change the way we see him? 24. What if I told you the mystery guest was Musiq Soulchild? 25. Is it me, or does someone need to call the Atlanta Fire Department to put out the flames on the third floor of Brawley Hall?

FEATURES



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Across the nation, athletic facilities and gymnasiums are full of people attempting to build muscle mass at the expense of damaging their bodies.

There are numerous biochemical substances that people decide to take in order to reach their physical goals and these substances range from dietary supplements, to more radical substances such as steroids.

Here at Morehouse and at other college campuses, the drug of choice is creatine and the propaganda behind the product may far outweigh the benefits that it was made to produce.

Creatine monohydrate is a very popular new supplement that serves as an energy reserve in muscle cells. For all who have taken their required biology course, it is known that muscular contraction is powered by the breakdown of ATP (adenosine triphosphate) to ADP (adenosine diphosphate). When all the ATP in the muscle is broken down, creatine phosphate in muscle donates a phosphate group to ADP, thereby allowing for further energy reactions to take place in the muscle cell. The creatine monohydrate that is sold in stores is a precursor to creatine phosphate. By supplementing your diet with creatine monophosphate, the creatine phosphate levels are maximized and more

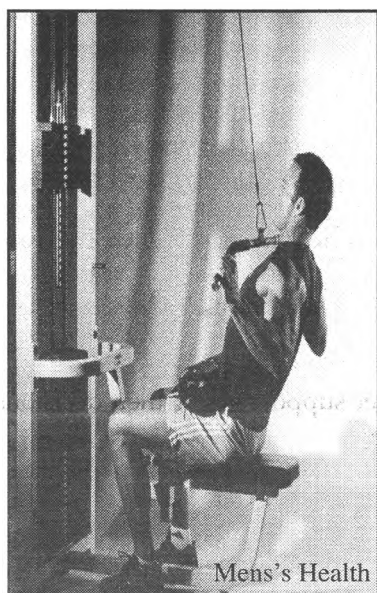
muscular work can occur.

The main benefit of creatine is the increase in muscle mass that seems to accompany its intake. Many people report increasing their lean muscle mass between six and ten pounds while using the substance. Also, creatine seems to be nontoxic to cells, even in large amounts. However, people have reported symptoms of headaches, clenched teeth, stomach cramps, and the sound of blood rushing in their ears while using creatine monophosphate. Moreover, creatine may increase blood pressure.

People must also realize that creatine is just a supplement and if your body has enough of it, the product is useless. If you have been taking creatine and have experienced positive results in the beginning and no longer see a difference than you have most likely reached your plateau and no longer need the product. If you have never seen any results, this is most likely due to the fact that your body already has high enough creatine levels and its use is not needed.

Overall, creatine does work in some individuals, but only to a certain extent. It is useless to take the product continuously because one cannot build muscle mass beyond his/her plateau. The best way to great physical health is to go the natural way, because the side effects of any unnatural product will outweigh the benefits of a rigorous workout regiment.

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Weightlifting for results

THE MAROON TIGER INVESTIGATES:

Strip Politics

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The Strip. For most of us, this landmark has left an indelible print in our social psyche. More than a simple promenade of brick and stone, the "strip" functions as the first-year students' introduction into AUC politics.

Not politics in the traditional use of the word; it is doubtful that strip loiterers regularly discuss the dire consequences that the up and coming elections for secretary of the Wisconsin club will have on their well-being. No, the parishioners of "the road to Stegalls," more often, are out for a good time, and their conversations reflect that goal.

"Strip politics," then, could include dialogues based on a variety of topics: the "new" Jay-Z album (who hasn't had this for the past month?), which party was the "crunkiest" (LATEX, as always), and most importantly, which school in the AUC is the best (obvious, right).

Of course, Morehouse men have a certain level of pride in their institution. Many believe that a Morehouse student has definite attributes that place him heads above the other male students in the AUC.

They say "you can always tell a Morehouse man," but does this adage hold true in the world of the strip? Is it possible to tell the difference between the men of Morehouse and the men of Clark Atlanta? The strip holds all the answers.

The only surefire way to tell a Morehouse man from any of the other brothers in the AUC is through the presence of paraphernalia. Unfortunately, with so many Morehouse men draped in maroon, it is no hard task to know their college of choice.

To quote one Clark At-

lanta student named Sylvie, "Morehouse dudes stay wearin' 'nalia." In the opinion of Shayla, a sophomore student at Clark Atlanta, Morehouse men are "corny with the key chains."

Nicole, another Clark Atlanta student, declares that, "Morehouse men are brainwashed into thinking that they have to let people know that they are from Morehouse."

Even a Spelman sophomore, who does not want to be named, believes that Morehouse guys' obsession with Morehouse gear is really an effort to hide their true selves; part of a mask. This might be true.

Many of the women interviewed said that being a "Morehouse Man, is embedded too deeply in the persona of our students. This status has affected them to the point that a Morehouse student's opening line to a girl might consist of: "I am a first-year bio major from Morehouse College."

Oh, by the way, my name is (Fill in your name, nerd)."

The ladies feel that Clark Atlanta men are more "natural with their style." They don't "try as hard" as Morehouse men, and "they aren't as conceited," either. To say the least, Morehouse men did not receive glowing recommendations.

Don't fret brothers, the reports aren't all bad. In fact, Spelman freshman Stacey Fulton says that Morehouse guys "come at me like a person," and that Clark Atlanta men "ask me my dorm before they even ask me my name."

She feels that she gets more respect from Morehouse men, as opposed to the objectification she feels characterizes the attitude of the CAU

man.

Ironically, Nicole, one of the same young ladies that believes Morehouse guys are "brainwashed," actually prefers to date men of Morehouse. Her explanations for this preference, however, are less than encouraging.

She cites as her main reasons the fact that "talking to someone on your own campus causes drama," and that there "aren't enough Clark Atlanta guys to go around."

(I was astounded that she doesn't credit Morehouse' ranking as #1 among Black colleges, as her motivation for dating a Morehouse Man [sarcasm].)

So, are these ladies saying that they prefer Clark Atlanta men to men of Morehouse; that CAU contains a better pedigree of male student? OF COURSE NOT. They are simply cataloging the differences between the two extreme types, generalizing what they observe on the strip.

But it makes one wonder how real these perspectives are.

As I made my return up the strip, I began to wonder if what these young ladies said was true. I had discarded their views as biased descriptions of only the freshman at Morehouse; surely those comments were not applicable to an upperclassman.

I watched a group of young men saunter down the strip in full Morehouse regalia, key chains dangling; seven brothers approaching three girls. I just laughed to myself. They must be freshmen.

The closer I got to them, however, the clearer the words on their t-shirts became: Morehouse College, NSO 1999. Damn.

OPINION

Sex, love, and brokenness: An investigative report

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No one would deny that sexual expression is an integral part of being human. By default then, sexual expression is crucial to manhood and womanhood. This too is rarely denied.

But Morehouse, the only school for Black men in the world, because of contemporary political correctness, the threat of lawsuits, and more has chosen not to educate brothers on the value and purpose of sexual expression.

Maybe Morehouse cannot legally guide brothers through the realm of sexuality, but it is difficult for a school that claims "molding men" as its mantra to say that it is molding the whole man when the crucial issue of sexual expression is completely missing in action in the school's discussion on manhood.

An astronomical number of Morehouse brothers (including myself) had no father at home to explain sexuality and most brothers that had in-home fathers will say that their dads said little to nothing about the topic. High schools treat sexuality like the bubonic plague and fail to chart a path of sexual identity.

Churches, mosques, synagogues, and other religious institutions fail to say much more about sex to young people other than "don't do it." As a result, brothers arrive at dear old Morehouse having absolutely no idea how to define love and sexual expression and end up looking for love in all of the wrong places.

Sex, in its proper form, should be an expression of love between a man and a woman committed to one another. A large number of Morehouse students and employees either do not know this, do not believe this, or believe it and for some reason choose to express their sexuality through alternative methods.

This sexual identity crisis, as with all sexual confusion, not only suggests an absence of a proper love definition but also suggests some form of spiritual and emotional brokenness.

Historical brokenness, that has crept its way into our lives, has corrupted our definition of love and conse-

quently perverted how we express that sacred love. It is a rarely mentioned fact that for hundreds of years during slavery, which was less than 150 years ago, that tens of thousands of African men in America were raped and molested by slaveholders for recreation and to break the spirits of the men.

In addition to this gruesome activity, tens of thousands of African men in America were used as sexual studs – being forced to have intercourse with sisters they had no commitment to solely for the purpose of procreating new generations of slaves. These men, who often had a resemblance of a marriage with another woman on the plantation, were often used to produce 50-75 offspring that they would never have any relationship with.

These horrors, combined with the fact that our ancestors were already stripped from their homeland and torn from their families, had a massive impact on our definitions of love and sexual expression. Since slavery, amidst a new assault on black men, brothers have had a difficult time with sexual identity, love, and commitment.

Two polar opposites of sexual expression are prevalent at Morehouse. One extreme is talked about, criticized, and speculated on daily by Morehouse brothers and the other extreme tends to be excused and dismissed and is too often swept under the rug as being a phase.

The most widely discussed extreme of sexual expression deals with brothers that have abandoned true love

and commitment to women altogether. Some are flamboyant and feminine and it is clear that these brothers are missing out on manhood. However, many Morehouse brothers are homosexuals and fit into the crowd

and physical support for another man in the same manner as a woman can for a man.

On our campus, young students confused about their sexual identity have been turned out and sexually molested by influential Resident Directors and older students. Students have intentionally exposed themselves in front of students, had oral and anal sex with brothers on the other roommates bed, and been caught performing sex acts all around campus.

This extreme behavior does not characterize all homosexual Morehouse students and administrators, but a number of homosexual brothers have expressed to me that a secret support system exists at the College for their behavior and that they have struggled with little success at abandoning this lifestyle.

Several informed administrators of the College have clearly confirmed for me that this student-administration partnership does indeed exist.

On the other extreme are hundreds of Morehouse brothers that are equally extreme but rarely criticized. Hyper-masculine Morehouse men treat sisters like dogs, bark at each other and at sisters like dogs, and have sex with sisters indiscriminately like dogs.

These brothers will often say that they are just "being young" but when you observe that plenty of old men are doing the same stuff, that excuse carries very little weight. Whether or not these brothers are learning how to express their sexuality from Jay-Z, Juvenile, and Ja-Rule I don't know.

What is clear from my conversations with these brothers is that they tend to fear commitment and have found little to no fulfillment through their sexual expressions.

A large number of these brothers are the Morehouse elite. They are student leaders that have learned how to be political, tie a tight bow-tie, eat with the proper silverware, type up a good resume, and smile in your face to make you feel good but they have said to me that they are unhappy and unfulfilled. Most of them are semi-religious and are struggling to rationalize their behavior.

One very popular student, somewhat admitting that his outward actions don't match his inward intent said to me "Shaun, I don't worry too much because God knows my heart."

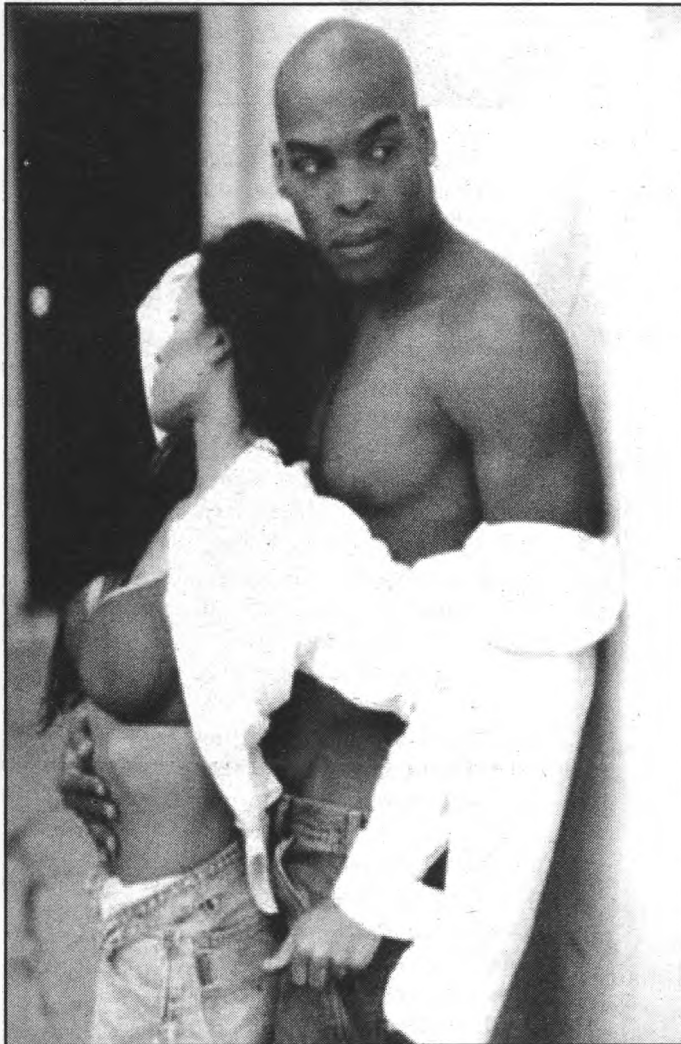
These brothers are unhappy and unfulfilled because they have found that no number of beer bashes and one night stands will provide their soul with the food that it needs. They lack balance and their decisions are destructive to their own progress and the progress of the people they impact with their decisions.

With no coverage, sisters have reported to Campus Police sexual assaults from aggressive brothers – sometimes in groups. Plenty of Spelmanites have had abortions after becoming pregnant from brothers eager to haphazardly sow their seed. Some sisters are yelled at and degraded so often by hyper-masculine knuckleheads that they have decided to walk through our campus with blank eyes looking down at the ground.

We should be embarrassed that some sisters won't even say hello to a friendly brother because scoundrels have come at them in all types of foul ways.

Young age is not an excuse for erratic behavior. However, it is obvious that the majority of Morehouse men are dealing with inward confusion that is manifesting itself in all types of physical situations.

Our brothers need guidance. Too many minds, bodies, and souls are being broken because of Morehouse brothers that do not know how to express their love. Morehouse can't afford to remain on the sidelines with these struggles as brothers search for the purpose of love and sexuality with no help from those that are best qualified to provide it.



Surely, this is what nature intended.

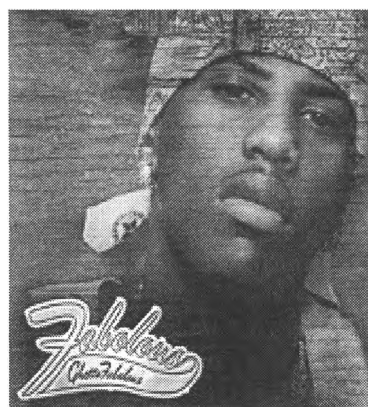
perfectly.

These students and employees, because of the level of criticism they face, tend to live double lives and have split personalities, which in and of itself is emotionally unhealthy. Often abused or criminally neglected during their formative years, these brothers often had their sexual identities warped by others and have found it too hard to abandon who they have become.

This lifestyle does a blatant disservice to our women who are already at a numerical disadvantage with so many brothers caught up in the criminal justice system. But deeper than that, this lifestyle leaves those that participate in it empty.

This sub-culture of brothers, although it has a happy outer appearance, is at times very destructive. A man cannot provide adequate emotional

More music reviews



Ghetto Fabolous by Fabolous

This CD ranks somewhere near Chris Webber's timeout against North Carolina in 1993. In other words, it's a great disappointment. If I wanted to listen to Mase, I would buy a Mase CD. Don't get me wrong, the album does have a few good tracks, but the ratio of bad to good is comparable the ratio of females to males in the AUC. If I got anything from this album, it's knowing how to spell F-A-B-O-L-O-U-S. (2 stars)

Best thing to do while listening: Work on your spelling. (Fabolous)

Worst thing to do while listening: Operate heavy machinery.

Best car suited for this music: Dodge Caravan or Chrysler Le Baron



Wonderland by Kelis

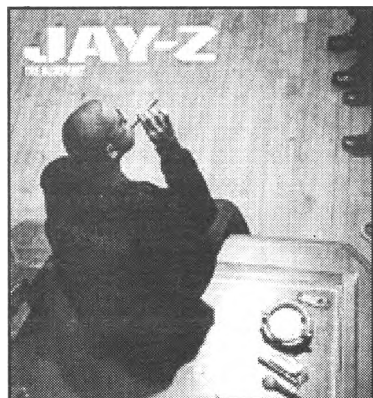
Just for all of you Neptunes fans out there, I was able to get my hands on an advance copy of Kelis' new album. The CD is the result of what may happen if you took Janet Jackson, videogame tunes, and 70's music and put it into a pot of music gumbo. Although the songs may seem weird at times, they have a tendency to grow on you—like E. coli on a kitchen

countertop. *Wonderland* is a breath of fresh air for those of us looking for something different but many of the tracks sound alike or remind you of a song you've heard from another artist. Many that will listen to *Wonderland* will either love it unconditionally, or hate it with a passion. (3 stars)

Best thing to do while listening: Look at your lava lamp and explore the meaning of life.

Worst thing to do while listening: Take a sobriety test.

Best car suited for this music: VW Bus



The Blueprint by Jay-Z

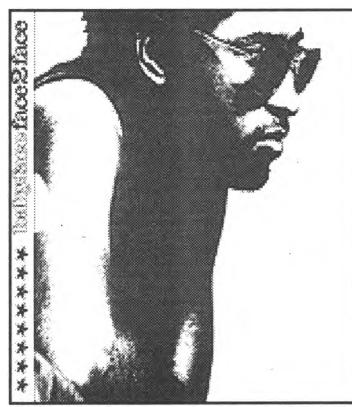
Since many could not wait for this album, it had to be released two weeks early. Unless you've been living under a rock, you most likely have heard the latest from "Brooklyn's Finest." If the CD was not leaked onto the Internet and people had to wait to hear *The Blueprint*, it would have been worth it. All that can be said about this CD is that it is simply superb from beginning to end. I especially like the track "Renegade", featuring Eminem. On this track, two of the best in the game come together and complement each other like peanut butter and jelly. Jay-Z has songs for everybody whether you're hardcore hip-hop fan or just a radiohead. (5 stars)

Best thing to do while listening: Anything but homework.

Worst thing to do while listening: Homework.

Best car suited for this music: Navigator, Escalade, anything on 20's, or a '95 Achieva

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Face 2 Face by Babyface

Oh yes my friends, Babyface has released another tight album. It's not hard to see that Babyface actually put some effort into his latest release. He spent some quality time in the studio and it's evident when you listen to the finished product. This has to be some of the best that's ever come from our high-pitch voiced, skinny friend. Even if you don't like this album, the girl sitting next to you will, making it well worth the investment. So turn down that "get crunk" music in your stereo and play something that your female friend(s) will enjoy. Who needs pheromone-enhancing chemicals when you have Babyface's talents at your disposal? Exactly. So everyone out there, even you crunkies, go out and get Babyface...it's for your own good. (4 stars)

Best thing to do while listening: Play Twister with your lady friend(s) from the AUC.

Worst thing to do while listening: Get crunk or have guys around.

Best car suited for this music: A parked car, or a Camry in Decatur with girls from New York inside

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Kottke picks a good tune, legend lives on

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The living legend Leo Kottke landed in Little Five Points and finger picked for a packed crowd. He made his first appearance in years at the Variety Playhouse on September 23 and Atlanta was glad to see him back. In concert, it is easy to see why he is revered as such a great musician. Kottke is one of the most talented and under appreciated musicians out.

Kottke came onto the stage to a roar of applause with the crowd full of WASPs (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants). He is a very ordinary looking man in his mid-50's with a deep voice, and it is only when he starts playing that you see why he is different from everyone else.

Leo Kottke plays the guitar, and instead of strumming it he picks individual strings and does it very fast. Many people unfamiliar with his music will swear that two people are playing simultaneously when they hear his records. On top of the incredible speed and complexity of his songs, he also sings.

It is really more of a talk-sing, but he does it all seemingly with ease. To any aspiring guitarist, it is incredibly humbling to witness and can often end in tears when one reflects upon their own pitiful ability. Kottke achieves a full band sound with one guitar, and it is quite

amazing.

Kottke opened the concert with a song from his last album entitled "One Guitar, No Vocals" that was released in 1999. Throughout the show, he played songs from many of his twenty plus albums even going back to his 1969 release "6- and 12-String Guitar."

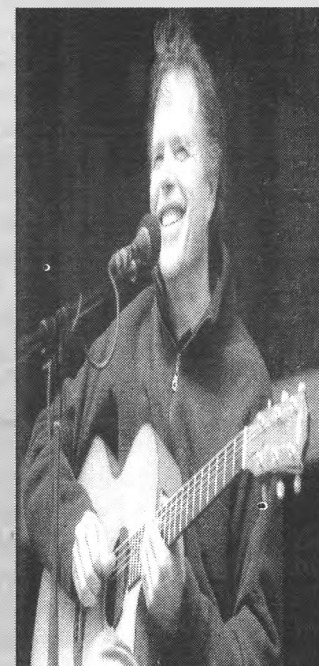
He also played a mel-low, folky rendition of "Corrina, Corrina" much

to the excitement of the crowd. Leo also played some untitled, unre-c o r d e d songs, which made fans happy because that means that there is another album on its way. The concert was an amazing display of guitar playing and story telling at its best—Kottke likes to tell amusing, random stories about his life in be-

tween songs.

Leo Kottke is a musician's musician. Anyone with any knowledge of the guitar can't help but respect him. Leo Kottke makes Dave Matthews look like an aspiring college student playing bad renditions of Radiohead songs in his dorm room.

If record sales were based on talent Kottke would be a millionaire, and hopefully, someday, he will get the credit he deserves, but only in a perfect world. Overall, Kottke gave a great performance and continues to make great music, and hopefully those of you with any sort of music appreciation will check him out.



Kottke and his guitar

LIFESTYLES

Feeling powerless can be health hazard

Heart problems loom when control slips away

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If you're the hard-driving type, you're probably better off in the driver's seat.

That's the conclusion of Duke University Medical Center researchers, who say that ambitious, control-oriented people function quite well when they're convinced they control their own destinies. But when these people feel powerless, they may be at higher risk for stress-related heart problems.

"It's not even whether you have tangible control or not, it's whether or not you think you do," said Gary Bennett Jr., a clinical psychologist and co-author of the study. Results of the study were presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Duke researchers studied 74 healthy African-American men between the ages of 18 and 47 from a wide range of incomes and with educations ranging from ninth grade to medical school.

The participants completed questionnaires that assessed their personalities, coping mechanisms and their perceived level of job control. Then they were asked to prepare a response to a stressful scenario, after which the researchers checked saliva samples for levels of Cortisol, a stress hormone.

Men who reported that they felt little influence over their workload, or whether they would be promoted, released significantly more Cortisol when responding vigorously to stress. In a stressful situation, the body needs Cortisol to keep its energy level high.

But too much Cortisol

production over too long a time can increase blood pressure and weaken the immune system.

Being trapped in a low-paying, dead-end job is a common image of the stressed-out worker bee. Bennett says, however, that even jobs with terrific earning potential can have big

term goals," Bennett said.

"John Henrys" contain overtones of the old Type A personality, a frequent player in discussions of stress-related heart disease during the 1970s and 1980s. Unlike John Henrys, however, the defining characteristic of Type A's is hostility.

Psychologist Mark Ketterer, of the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, calls the Duke study results interesting but just a beginning. "It's too soon to say definitively whether hard-chargers with less control are at risk," he said. "All we can tell is that the mechanism is in place."

"Ideally you want to look at people ... and follow them over 10 years," he said. "That would be the test of the hypothesis."

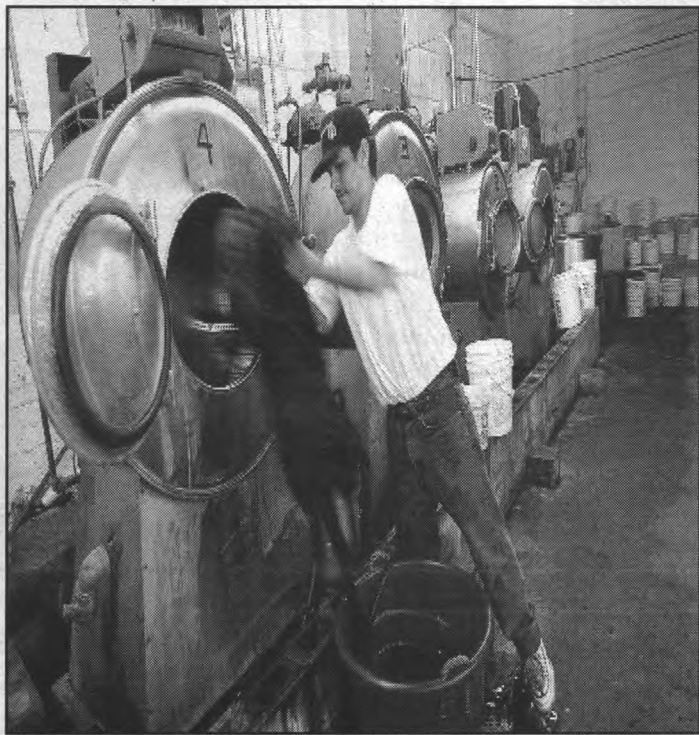
Still, he said, "It probably is an important issue: Do people feel like they're in control or not? That seems to be a strong predictor. Prospectively, there are studies that say people who have high-demand, low-control jobs are somewhat more at risk for heart attacks."

"It's not clear just what would be the best coping strategies for people who lack job control," Bennett said. "That's something we're thinking a lot about."

But for good short-term stress-relief, he suggests relaxation and meditation techniques.

Longer-range solutions probably would involve getting high-control types to focus less on big, long-term goals, which tend to be elusive, and more on smaller, more doable short-term goals.

"Certainly, I think there are ideas and remedies on the horizon," Bennett said.



Blue-collar workers are susceptible to stress.

stress potential.

Medical residents, for instance, with their rotating shifts and constant on-call status, reported a high degree of powerlessness in their jobs despite presumably bright economic futures, he said.

Bennett said he became interested in the relationship among personality, stress and disease while researching the "John Henry syndrome," the name given to a coping response associated with an increased hypertension risk in African Americans, particularly in the rural South.

"We said, 'Let's see if there's some physical response in this group,'" he said.

"The 'John Henry' personality," named after the railroad worker of legend whose heart burst when he bested a steam-powered machine in a digging contest, "is characterized by an uncompromising work ethic, stubbornness, patience and reliance on long-

U.S. prepared for bioterrorism

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The U.S. Health and Human Services said that Americans should not be worried about possible biochemical attacks stemming from the recent terrorist attacks.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the United States is prepared to take care of any kind of biological attack, but the public is not sure.

Thompson said that there are eight staging areas around the United States that are each stocked with 50 tons of medical supplies—including vaccines, antibiotics, gas masks, and ventilators—that can be moved within hours to the site of any

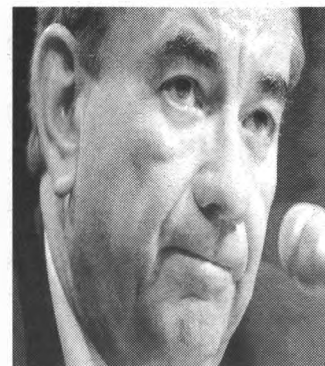
terrorist attack.

There are also 7,000 medical personnel that are ready to respond to any crisis, anywhere in the country.

Even with all of these precautions, Americans are still uninformed on the actual effects of biochemical weapons and many have doubts of the United States' ability to handle the situation.

In an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes",

Secretary Thompson said, "We've got to make sure people know they're safe. And that we're prepared to take care of any contingency, any consequence that develops from any kind of bioterrorism attack."



Tommy Thompson

Chinese make better test takers, scientists say

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An analysis of 150 undergraduates has revealed that those who can write Chinese characters scored higher on the mathematics section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Chieh Li of Northeastern University and Boston College's Ronald L. Nuttall propose that some brain mechanism may underlie both writing Chinese and performing math problems.

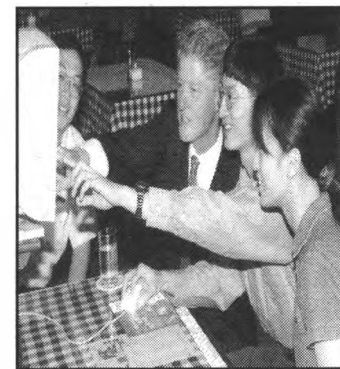
They speculate that the linearity of writing English does not allow children to develop the same spatial-reasoning skills as writing Chinese, which involves both left-right and up-down thinking.

Because the math portion of the SAT emphasizes

geometry, the researchers thought that this experience in spatial reasoning could be giving writers of Chinese a leg up.

To test the idea, the two researchers recruited 150 Chinese

and American students in Boston, 42 of whom could write Chinese characters and all but 11 of whom could speak at least some Chinese. Male students who wrote



Chinese students

Chinese had an average score of 645 out of a possible 800 on the math section, while those who could not write the characters scored 613.

The researchers report in Mathematics Education Research Journal that female students did even better: The Chinese writers scored 703, and the non-writers 629.



And down the stretch they come

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The excitement of the playoff pennant chases is heating up. With a little less than two weeks remaining in the regular season, teams are scrapping for everything that they can get.

This season will be remembered for many amazing achievements by players both old and new.

From Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina's bid for a perfect game, broken up with *two* outs and *two* strikes in the ninth inning, to the majestic homeruns swatted by the games most prolific hitters and another homerun record chase.

The game will say goodbye to Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr., two great hitters and statesmen of the game who will both retire at season's end.

This season will also have Rickey Henderson set the all time record for runs scored in history, surpassing Ty Cobb, while he also knocks at the door of 3000 hits.

Baseball has witnessed the emergence of St. Louis Cardinal's youngster Albert Pujols, as he has set the record for most RBI and homers by a rookie. And to top it off, Barry Bonds will attempt to break Mark McGwire's single season homerun record of 70 (Barry

has 67 with 10 games left to play).

With the feats of the regular season providing memorable moments, the playoffs are poised to provide fans with an exciting ending to a fantastic year.

American League

Although the Yankees have locked up their division crown, they will undoubtedly await an ample opponent when the playoffs begin.

They will either face the Cleveland Indians or have a rematch of last year's first round series with the Oakland Athletics. Although the Yanks have shown signs of weakness this year, they are still the Yankees and know how to win when it counts.

The Cleveland Indians have had one of the most potent offenses all season and show no signs of slacking off. Their pitching, or lack thereof, is their weakness and may have a time with some of the better pitching staffs they will face.

The American League West has already been won but it won't mean anything if they cannot make it to the World Series. The Oakland A's have been one of the best teams in the second half of the season and are extremely dangerous with a lineup balanced with speed and power.

Their young guns, Mark Mulder, Tim Hudson, and Barry Zito, are mowing down oppo-

nents and show no sign of being merciful once the playoffs begin. They should be eager to avenge their first round loss to the Yankees last year.

National League

The National League races look as if they will come down to the last week of play. The Braves have led in the East for the majority of the season but the Phillies will not go away.

With 10 games remaining, the Braves are clinging to a single game lead over the Phillies with the Mets just 4 games back.

The Diamondbacks, Dodgers, and Giants are within 3 games of winning the division. The D'backs lead but are looking in the mirror at the teams behind them.

The Houston Astros are in first place due primarily to their great hitting in the Central but have the Cardinals on their tails. The Cardinals are closing fast and seem determined to make it to the post season.

With two weeks remaining only the Yankees, A's and Mariners have locked in a trip to the postseason and all of the races in the National League are still up for grabs.

If the close races and intense match-ups are indicative of things to come hold on, it should be exciting.

Morehouse shutout by Benedict College

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The Maroon Tigers hit a huge bump on the road to the SIAC championship as the Benedict College Tigers (1-2) shutout Morehouse College (2-2) 20-0 at B.T. Harvey stadium. Morehouse came out eager to play after having their last contest postponed.

However, neither offense could get going early as both defenses controlled the game in the first quarter. The Maroon Tiger defense held Benedict scoreless in first quarter. Benedict's defense shutout Morehouse as well, although receiving a lot of help from the Maroon Tiger offense.

The offense had a costly fumble and suffered from a lack of execution. Benedict finally scored on a 46-yard bomb with under two minutes left in the first half bringing the score to 6-0 (their two-point conversion failed).

Morehouse's strongest scoring attempt came at the end of the first half, when the team nearly converted a field goal, but Byron Archibald missed a 35-yard field goal with three seconds remaining.

The Morehouse offense came out firing in the second half, completing a string of successful plays. The momentum subsided after a fumble near mid-field. The offense continued to struggle with two additional fumbles and an interception.

Although playing long minutes, the Morehouse defense continued to play well in

the third quarter. Robert Kilpatrick led the defense with two sacks and Morehouse halted several Benedict drives.

One of the halted drives occurred when the Maroon Tigers stopped a Benedict drive within their own ten-yard line.

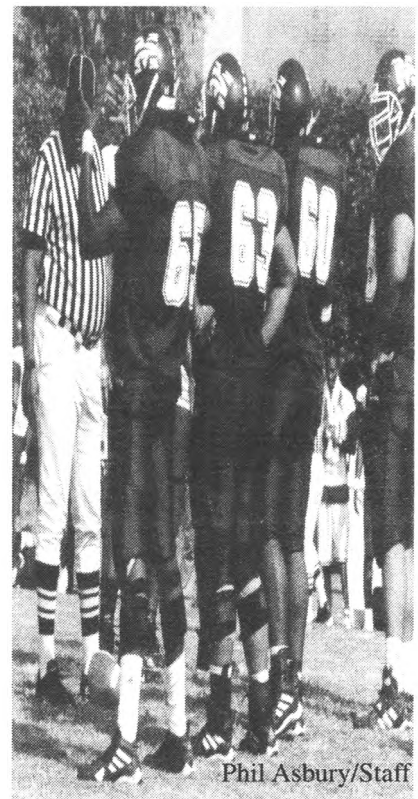
The action picked up in the fourth quarter as Benedict scored on a 29-yard run two minutes into the period, bringing the score to 12-0 (another failed two-point conversion).

The Morehouse offense responded harmlessly and the defense was quickly back on the field. Benedict put the game away when the Maroon Tiger defense finally buckled. Benedict scored on a three-yard scramble and added a two-point conversion increasing

the lead to 20-0.

The scoring drive featured a bruising running attack that overpowered a weary Morehouse defense. The game ended with a final score of 20-0, snapping Morehouse's five-game home winning streak.

The Maroon Tigers will resume play October 6 against Bowie St.



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Tigers prepare for a play.

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meet. The students... sometimes they actually care about how I feel."

I reminded Denson of the previous Sunday. I had slept late and missed brunch. At dinner, she asked was I all right, and how come I missed the morning meal.

With a laugh, Love explains that she considers herself mother away from home to the students.

"You just gotta care. I'm a mother figure to most of you. I have kids your age, so I pay attention. Miss Love be very observant."

There are some things about the job that are hard.

"Saying no is the hardest thing. Like when they forget their card—they not supposed to forget. Then there are all the rules in the cafeteria, there are so many of them.

But I agree with all of them. It's for [the students'] safety. If someone gets hurt because they don't have on socks or sleeves, get burnt like, I feel bad because I supposed to stop them before they go inside."

"One of the biggest problems is people carrying out food. I wish I could let people take food out. But they got to take the time to come sit down and eat a proper meal. I know some of them just want to get to classes, but rules are rules. Then some of them want to see how much they could make my blood boil in my body..."

And, of course, "I have to be tough with them. A lot of them get angry with me."

Like the refrain of a song, she chimes in, "But I love'em."

Students eat in the cafeteria every day so it follows that the cafeteria

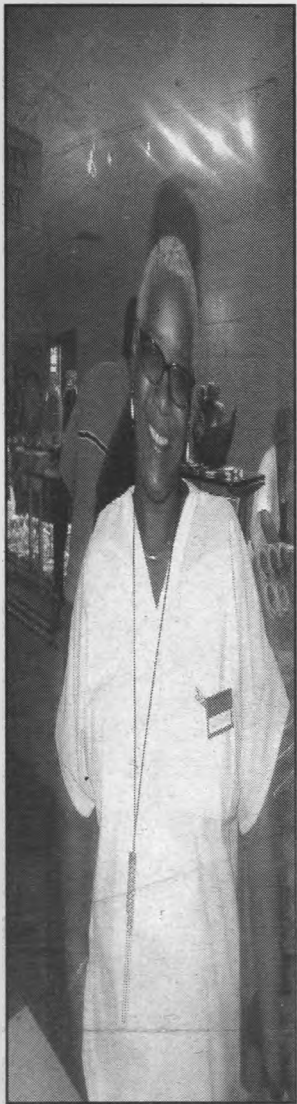
attendants must be there every day, so Denson often goes weeks without getting a day off. Though Morehouse is home and family to her, so many consecutive days of working takes its toll.

"I be tired sometimes, under a lot of stress. I been going through a lot of problems—not health or mental, don't worry—that mean a lot of long nights and early mornings. People misunderstand us, they misunderstand Miss Love. We snap sometimes, we not always in a good mood, but we human. Sometimes they think because I'm loud, Miss Love is a smartass. I'm not a smartass, I'm only doing my job."

Five times during the interview, she was called away from the table. Almost every time, she'd have to shout the end of a sentence while walking to the other end of the room. Originally only promising ten minutes for the interview, Denson regretted that her duties could be put off no longer than the half-hour we had already spent in chat.

It is obvious that this extraordinary, fairytale person is very real and very human. She's a person who needs as much love as she gives out.

Her parting words: "Please ask us, 'How do you feel today, what's on your mind?' Sometimes that means so much. And Miss Love will always be here for you, if you ever need someone to talk to. And I love you."



She's got sass and class.

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Afterthought ...

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As our nation begins to heal, it is important to remember that regardless of ethnicity, the tragedy of the terrorist bombings has affected us all. As a nation, we have been more united than we have ever been before. Or have we?

This sudden burst of patriotic pride has indeed brought many of us closer; however the horrific events that occurred on September 11th have divided us as well. It is not surprising that in response to the gaining of some amount of retribution from the terrorist acts, those who practice the Islamic faith have been targeted.

Many "Americans" are taking their anger, pain, and "pride" out on individuals of the Muslim faith. It is clear that the ugly head of prejudice is again visible, and for many African Americans, this is nothing new.

Atiba Jones, the president of the AUC Muslim Student Association, shared his feelings on the subject. "Basically the cause for all of the hatred of Muslims, comes primarily out of ignorance. The media is playing a huge role in stereotyping many Muslims," said Jones.

At a time when we should embrace every culture and learn that violence is a vicious cycle, we continue to remain ignorant. Ruqayyah Muhammad, vice president of the AUC Muslim Student Association said that we all should focus on a solution not only to the terrorist bombings, but to educate everyone who is ignorant of the subject matter.

"People need to understand that discrimination is a human problem and not just one of a particular ethnic group," said Muhammad.

As a result of the events that occurred on September 11th, many devout, innocent worshippers of the Muslim faith have faced extreme opposition simply because of their appearance and faith.

One Muslim Morehouse student went so far as to alter his appearance so that he could pass for another ethnicity. "I don't

want to be a victim simply because of the way that I look," he stated. "I am fearful of my life, as well as my family's back home," he concluded.

To educate those on the religion of Al-Islam, it must be understood that Islam forbids the murder of any individual as well as accepting the concept of suicide for any reason.

The terrorists that destroyed the twin towers and damaged the Pentagon were apart of an extremist group who accepted principles far outside the beliefs of Islam. No correlation can be made between the true followers of Islam, and the confused extremists that committed last month's atrocities.

Since the terrorist bombings, Muslim temples nationwide have been vandalized, and its members have become the target of racial slurs as well as physical attacks. In the Atlanta area, there have been police reports of Muslim children that have been harassed and in some cases, physically assaulted.

In spite of all the negative energy that is directed at people of the Muslim faith, they continue to grieve with a nation that has shown them little respect since the bombings.

The terrorist attacks not only showed the evil that some people possess, but our deprave nature as humans as we immediately turned to the people that we speak to, laugh with, work with and in some cases are related to, and looked at them with hatred in our hearts because of their descent or their beliefs.

Maybe all of us can begin to work on our overall character and examine ourselves our own faults, before we immediately begin to oppress other people consciously or subconsciously.

We all live in the same America, and as a result, we are all Americans regardless of our backgrounds and religious practices. It is now time not only for a time of healing and forgiveness, but a time to really overcome an internal problem that we as African Americans have had to deal with for centuries - prejudice.

